

SENATOR F. LEWIS: But it is not my intention, and I want it for the record, it is not my intention that we would touch the 50-50 relationship in state aid under LB 33 if it is successful for this year, next year, or any other year.

SENATOR MURPHY: So that it then would revert, and like you I would like it for the record that the then \$15 million differential loss that would be suffered under the foundation 50-50 program will, in fact, be paid to those districts that suffered that loss.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The 50-50 is the formula, if 33 passes, that we're going to go with. If we have to make necessary corrective language in regard to the amendment you just passed for me, I certainly want to do it.

SENATOR MURPHY: That is fine. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I think I'm a little late with my question because I think both Senator Dworak and Senator Fitzgerald are out of the Chamber. I think we should clarify the fact that I think Senator Dworak said that.... Oh, there he is. Senator Dworak, I think you said that the money in General Fund was not earmarked. I think our Budget Committee earmarks it pretty much. Of course, the question was, what happened to the additional money that is just floating around there? I just don't think it's been earmarked. But I didn't want anyone left with the impression that the Legislature didn't earmark General Funds. I think we earmark it pretty well.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Lewis. Frank, I should have asked you this before we voted on the resolution. I still have a question about the funding. I understand that there is going to be no additional appropriation this year or next year. Why was it necessary to demand that the Board of Equalization raise the tax sufficiently to take care of it, since there is no additional appropriation?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: There will be an additional appropriation if the people vote on 33 and they give an affirmative vote. The question we answered before is, first of all, this year's funding is what this bill is addressing right now. That is \$55 million. The Legislature, by mandate, because the petition has kept the dollar level at the same as per the Attorney General's ruling, appropriates \$55 million for next year. They couldn't appropriate \$70 if they wanted to. If 33 passes, if the people say yes we want 33, then we will appropriate the necessary money to carry out 33. But only if they act.

SENATOR COPE: What, really, was appropriated this year.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That is correct.

SENATOR COPE: Okay, now I have it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.